Private participation for development of sports

450. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds earmarked for development of sports in the country is inadequate;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to enhance the funds for development of sports, especially in view of Commonwealth Games in 2010; and

(c) whether Government are considering to involve private participation for creating infrastructure for sports to that of international standards and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) The sports is a State subject. The allocations for development of sports in different disciplines have to be made by the State Governments as well as concerned National Sports Federations. The Government of India supplements these efforts by making available assistance to State Governments. National Sports Federations and sportspersons under the diefferent schemes of the Ministry.

The allocation for sports during 1995-96 to 2004-2005 has risen from Rs. 55.00 crores to Rs. 252.00 crores. The proposed outlay for sports in the budget document for 2005-06 is Rs. 312.79 crores, out of which Rs. 45.00 crores has been earmarked for Commonwealth Games 2010.

(c) The Government of India seeks private participation for creating infrastructure for sports under the following Schemes:—

(i) Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure

(ii) Promotion of Sports in Universities and Colleges

(iii) State Sports Academy

Performance in Olympic

†451. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the main reasons for poor and shameful performance of India in Olympic besides the partiality in selection of athletes; and

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